

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—It is only on a point of information.

Mr. President.—You can say all these in your reply.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—The Hon'ble Member did not answer all these points. How many veterinary hospitals are there in the Mukundapuram Taluk?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—There is only one hospital in the Mukundapuram Taluk and it is a big Taluk also. Equally important from an agricultural point of view is the Talappally Taluk. The claim of Pazhayannur also is equally important.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—I do not press the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—I move that the House be adjourned till tomorrow.

Mr. George Parakkal.—I second it.

Motion put and lost.

26. The appointment of a Canal Board.

Mr. George Parakkal.—“*This Council recommends to the Government to appoint a Canal Board on the lines of the Road Board consisting of officials and the representatives of the boat-owners and the general public to advise and guide the Canal Department*”.

Sir, the Government appears to be as adamant and as unyielding as ever. I do not think that there is any use of pressing it in this Council as the members on this side of the House are very few. If you are disposed you may accept.

Even as the roads in the State, the canals of the State are important routes of traffic and transportation and there are very many places in the State where canals can be dug with facility and thus transportation thereby made cheaper than by roads. But at present, the Government appears not to concentrate their attention very much upon the canals of the State. There are very many places where urgent deepening of the canals is necessary. For instance, the boats plying between Kottappuram and Ernakulam cannot get enough water to ply feasibly. Therefore if a Canal Board is constituted on the lines of the Road Board, the Board will look into the matter and instruct the Government on such matters. I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—I second it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I for one am always willing to work in co-operation with a Board for considering matters of great importance. In the case of the Road Board it was I who first suggested that a Board should be constituted to advise the department after thorough investigation into the needs of the people. But in the case of canals the matter is different. We have not at present large number of proposals for the construction of canals in the State. To what few proposals we have, we have been devoting our earnest attention. I may bring before this House the projects now before us. They are, for constructing a canal in Kunnampulam to connect Kunnampulam with the Connolly Canal and also the canal connecting Karingachira of the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk with the backwaters. Then we have at present another big project for connecting Irinjalakuda again with the Connolly Canal. Then again the most important canal for connecting Trichur with Karanchira. In all these matters Government are taking very vigorous steps to see that those projects materialise. Apart from these, I do not think the Member himself can say instances of any more canals which can be dug with great benefit to the people. Canals unlike roads cannot be constructed anywhere because the law of water levels acts so that the question of constructing more canals is more complicated than is the case with roads. I therefore think that at present there is no real necessity for constituting a Canal Board on the lines suggested by the Mover of the resolution.

Mr. George Parakkal.—Sir, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave withdrawn.

27. Prevention of sea-erosions in the State.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—“*This Council recommends to the Government of Cochin to institute a survey of the coastal regions in the State with a view to (a) ascertain the magnitude of the loss caused by erosions and (b) to take preventive steps on a comprehensive basis*”.

Sir, I consider this to be one of the most important resolutions that has to be discussed by this House during this session of the Council, because the problems that are to be covered by this resolution are so vital to the interests of Cochin that I hope the Treasury Bench will sympathetically receive the recommendations contained in the resolution. For one thing the coastal